

Plaintiff's Exhibit 9

Plaintiff's Demand Letter to Defendant (June 10, 2015)

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*Certified Mail Article 7009 2250 0002 3777 8625
Return Receipt Requested
and Regular U.S. Mail
Belmond Charleston Place
205 Meeting Street
Charleston, SC 29401*

Re: Kimberly Collins

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that our firm has been retained to represent Kimberly Collins regarding her past employment at Belmond Charleston Place ("BCP"). To this end, we believe BCP wrongfully terminated our client for expressing protected political opinions and because of her race. As such, by this correspondence we hereby demand that BCP compensate our client for damages sustained. The basis for and amount of the forgoing claim is set forth below.

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If some type of an agreement is not reached on the above terms within the next thirty (30) days then we will have no choice but to continue to pursue claims against Belmond Charleston Place for, among other things, wrongful termination in violation of public policy and discrimination based upon race. Of course, if we are forced to take this action then we intend to seek the full extent of our client's damages which could easily exceed the amounts demanded herein.

Sincerely,

HITCHCOCK & POTTS

A. Christopher Potts

ACP:alb
cc: Kimberly Collins